

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

Wisconsin Electric Power Company Voluntary Utility Programs

6630-GF-136

**FINAL DECISION**

This is the Final Decision in the June 30, 2017, application by Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas, LLC (together, We Energies) for approval to implement a voluntary energy efficiency program for 2018-2019. ([PSC REF#: 326877](#).) At its open meeting of September 7, 2017, the Commission considered We Energies' application.

The application is APPROVED.

**Introduction**

We Energies proposed to continue its existing Residential Assistance Program (RAP) for 2018 and 2019. The RAP helps deliver weatherization services to low-income, residential, natural gas customers with incomes below 80 percent of the state median income, by providing bonus incentives on top of the incentives already provided by Focus on Energy's Home Performance with Energy Star Program to cover the remaining project costs that would otherwise be paid by the participant. Program outreach is targeted to customers in We Energies' Low-Income Pilot Program for providing payment assistance to customers.

The 2018-2019 program would continue all existing services currently offered under RAP. The proposal also expands the list of offerings to include direct installation of LED lightbulbs in order to help participants achieve greater energy savings. The program budget for

each year would be \$925,000, an increase of \$50,000 from 2016-2017 annual budgets that is consistent with the additional costs associated with LED installation. Program energy savings goals would also be increased to reflect the program's success in exceeding previous annual goals.

Wisconsin Admin. Code § PSC 137.08 sets forth a variety of factors the Commission must consider in reviewing a request to implement voluntary energy efficiency programs. The Commission has considered these factors and determines that the proposed program is in the public interest. The proposed program includes appropriate energy efficiency measures and is appropriately coordinated with Focus program operations. Further, the proposed annual budget of \$925,000 is adequate to meet the program's goal of saving 60,000 therms per year. Therefore, the Commission determines that it is reasonable to approve the application.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. The proposed RAP is reasonable and in the public interest.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has authority to approve the proposed voluntary energy efficiency program under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02, 196.374(2)(b)2., and 196.395, and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 137.08.

### **Order**

1. We Energies' application for approval to implement a voluntary energy efficiency program for 2018-2019 is approved.
2. This Final Decision takes effect one day after the date of service.

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3. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

By the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra J. Paske". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a trailing flourish.

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of the date of service of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The date of service is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of service is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of the date of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the date of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission serves its original decision.<sup>1</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: March 27, 2013

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<sup>1</sup> See *Currier v. Wisconsin Dep't of Revenue*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.